## Abstract of the Disclosure

A method of holding an election including enabling voters to register with a registrar facility by providing encryption keys to registered voters and storing the encryption key with an authenticator facility. The method includes distributing ballots having unique ballot ID's to requesting voters, receiving ballots having voter choices on them and encrypted using voters encryption keys, receiving from voters ballot ID, encrypted vote information and, voter ID at an authenticator facility, indications that votes have been cast with a ballots having indicated ballot ID's at a distributor facility, and an indication that the voter has voted at a registrar facility. The method includes authenticating the voter at the authenticator facility and passing authenticated votes and the ballot ID to a counter facility.